

**Poughkeepsie Inactive Mining Claims- Safety Closure Project**  
**Project summary and maps December 26, 2013**

The Ouray Ranger District, Grand Mesa-Uncompahgre-Gunnison National Forest (GMUG) proposes to physically close thirteen inactive mine features under the a project called *Poughkeepsie Inactive Mining Claims Safety Closure Project*. The project includes sites on National Forest System land in San Juan County, south of the City of Ouray, east of U.S. Highway 550. Six of the sites are on Public Domain land and seven are on Standard Metals claims acquired by the Forest Service under a Consent Decree. The sites are shown on the attached map, and are described in the attached table.

The GMUG proposes this project in cooperation with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS). In addition to the thirteen sites on NFS land, DRMS has identified 9 additional sites located on private land and 3 sites on BLM land to be closed under the Poughkeepsie project. DRMS has conducted its own environmental analysis of those sites; additional information on those sites is available from DRMS.

The Poughkeepsie project would be implemented under a contract awarded and administered by DRMS in 2014. The stabilization and removal of mine hazards benefits both agencies by making these lands safer for the public.

Archeologic and wildlife surveys were conducted on all of the sites in 2013. The findings of these surveys will be instrumental in the final design of the closure method in order to protect pre-historic, historic and wildlife resources.

Closure information:

*Closure methods* would include bulkheads, bat-friendly grates, polyurethane (PUF) and backfill. Nearby waste rock material would be used for bulkheads on most of the closures.

*Access to the sites* would be via existing roads and social trails. The method of travel would depend upon the contractor's equipment, including the use of four-wheel drive trucks or ATV's, horses or other packstock, and helicopter.

*Mining related structures and debris:* In order to maintain the mining legacy, mining related materials will be left where they are found as much as possible. No removal or cleanup of mining related material will be done at the sites.

*Best Management Practices:*

Contractor will protect surface waters by using storm water management practices to keep soil from construction areas from entering waterways.

Contractor will powerwash all equipment including lowboys or other trailers, to remove

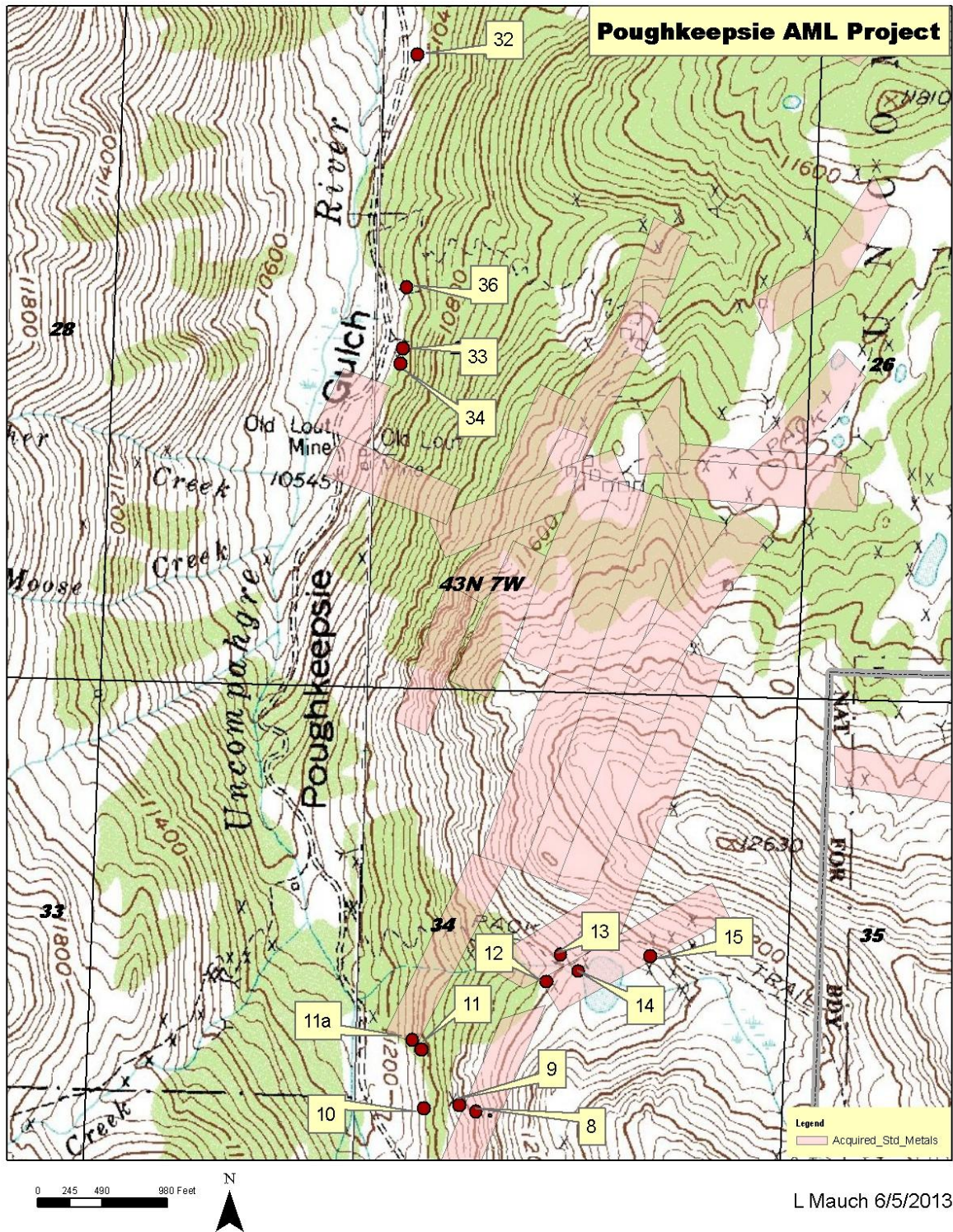
noxious weed seeds. Equipment shall be sprayed prior to entering the forest, and is subject to inspection by the Forest Service representative or Contracting Officer.

Forest Service will approve seedmix(s) for site reclamation.

Archeological discoveries: The contractor shall immediately notify the Forest Service of all antiquities or other objects of historic or scientific interest, including but not limited to historic or pre-historic ruins or artifacts discovered in connection with the project. These discoveries shall remain intact and in place until directed otherwise by the Forest Service.

The contractor is subject to the GMUG Travel Management Plan. Any project-related travel beyond that which is allowed to the general public will need an Access Authorization from the FS.

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